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1. DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS CAUTIOUS LINE TAKEN BY AMBASSADOR IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH MINSTATE FOR SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS DR. BAHA IDRIS, AS REPORTED REFTEL. RESPONSE PROPOSED IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE PARA 4 REFTEL SEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE AND AMBASSADOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT TO IDRIS AS SOON AS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF. WE FEEL IT PREFERABLE, HOWEVER, NOT TO SEEK SPECIAL MEETING SOLELY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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2. IF AMBASSADOR FEELS HE CAN PROBE IDRIS WITHOUT AWAKENING IN HIM HOPES THAT USG MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN RATHER GRANDIOSE ANTI-COMMUNIST PLANS HE ASCRIBES TO NIMEIRI, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT HE MEANS BY REMARK THAT NIMEIRI'S EFFORTS IN ERITREA "BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT". THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE INHERENT CONTRADICTION

IN MENTION OF MEDIATION IN SAME BREATH WITH AN ERITREA
"FIRMLY IN ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMP". MEDIATION IMPLIES GIVE
ON PART OF BOTH EPMG AND INSURGENTS WHILE QUOTED PHRASE
IMPLIES AN INDEPENDENT ERITREA.

3. IT APPEARS TO US THAT IDRIS HAS EXAGGERATED IDEA OF
ROLE WHICH SUDAN WOULD REALISTICALLY PLAY IN REGIONAL
AFFAIRS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO
WHETHER PERENNIAL OPTIMIST IDRIS ACCURATELY REFLECTING
NIMEIRI'S FEELINGS THIS REGARD.
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